

**REGULAR MEETING  
of the  
CITY OF RIALTO  
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
And  
RIALTO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES  
January 15, 2008**

A regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Rialto was held in the City Council Chambers located at 150 South Palm Avenue, Rialto, California 92376, on Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

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This meeting was called by the presiding officer of the Rialto City Council in accordance with the provisions of **Government Code §54956** of the State of California.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Hanson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

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The roll was called and the following were present: Mayor Pro Tem Hanson and Council Members Scott, Baca Jr. and Robertson. Also present were City Administrator Garcia, City Attorney Owen and City Clerk McGee. Mayor Vargas was absent.

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**Bond Allocation Workshop**

Robb Steel, Economic Development Director stated that this is a workshop and the parameters for the bond issue were discussed and actions were taken. The specific projects which to fund were left open. The Economic Development Director indicates that the projects were to be rated and ranked and presented to the Council. He indicated all the monies that were discussed and how they would be distributed among the public improvement projects. He states that the purpose of the workshop is to update the Pepper Avenue project status. Ahmad Ansari, Public Works Director, gave a presentation and will discuss the rating process and then select the priority projects for funding.

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## **Bond Allocation Workshop**

Council Member Ed Scott comments regarding Pepper Avenue Extension. He would like to see the Alder Avenue Sewer Line project to be a higher priority for the possibility of development.

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Council Member Baca Jr. asks if monies from sewer connections can be used for the Alder Avenue project. The bond money doesn't necessarily have to be used for that project.

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Robb Steel states that the airport project can't be started before the infrastructure is completed.

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Council Member Baca Jr. states that he has spoken with Fish and Wildlife Service and the city needs to submit a plan first before any mitigation.

Council Member Baca Jr. left the dais at 5:00 pm and returned at 5:03 p.m.

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Robb Steel explains what happened at the meeting with the Fish and Wildlife Service and Congressman Baca's office.

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Council Member Robertson congratulates the council, staff and city for an "A" rating.

Council Member Robertson states she would like to see Frisbie Park being fully developed. She supports the assessment fee on properties for the Pepper Avenue project.

Council Member Robertson indicates that the storm drain should be done before the Baseline Project. She questions the priorities of the projects and wants to know how developers can build in the city with no drainage system.

Council Member Robertson asks about the Trust Account and why it was established.

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Robb Steel indicates that the Trust Account was established for library improvements. The monies are used for new or improving projects in the city.

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Mayor Pro Tem Hanson asks if there is anyone who would like to speak on the issues. No one comes forward.

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Motion by Council Member Robertson, second by Council Member Scott and carried by unanimous vote to approve the recommendations as presented.

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Motion by Council Member Robertson, second by Council Member Scott and carried by unanimous vote to recess.

City Council went into recess at 5:15 p.m.

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vargas called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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The roll was called and the following were present: Mayor Vargas, Mayor Pro Tem Hanson, Council Members Robertson, Scott, and Baca Jr. Also present were City Administrator Garcia, City Attorney Owen and City Clerk McGee.

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## **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Council Member Joe Baca Jr. led the pledge of allegiance and Pastor Harry Bratton – Greater Faith Grace Bible Church gave the Invocation.

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Mayor Vargas stated that there was no City Attorney Report.

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

Rialto Branch Library Update by Rosalyn Dones, Branch Manager was rescheduled for February 5, 2008.

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Diane Tolbert, Chairperson of the Housing and Beautification Commission gives awards to Rialto Homeowners who did an exceptional job decorating their homes during the holiday.

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Scott Enoch, Recreation Manager, stated that the after school program was expanded due to a grant given to the city. Partnered with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, the after school program can offer programs at 22 elementary and middle schools. There are several programs that are intended to improve attendance and academic performance.

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Stephanie Konrad Stabio, Recreation Manager states the Holiday Parade kicked off field trips for the children in the program. She says that the children were able to be bussed to the Holiday on Ice Rink. Activities include Fire Department tours, teaching children how to protect themselves and prevention of teen date violence and self respect.

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Two students who attend the after school program tell council how much they have benefited from the program. They both appreciate the name, RIALTO ROCKS, for the program.

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Council Member Baca, Jr. congratulated the staff of the program and thanks Dr. Brown for the intramural programs.

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Mayor Vargas thanked the staff members of the program.

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Council Member Robertson thanked the children for coming to the Holiday on Ice program.

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Chief Mark Kling introduced four new police officers.

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Mayor Vargas presented a Certificate of Recognition to Chief Kling as the first annual Chief of the Year Award.

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## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **A. WAIVE FULL READING OF ORDINANCES**

1. Waive reading in full, all ordinances considered at this meeting.

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### **B. APPROVAL OF WARRANT RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution No. 23 (1/4/08)

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### **C. SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Request City Council to set a Public Hearing for the **February 5, 2008** City Council Meeting to consider an Amendment to section 18.56.030 of the Rialto Municipal Code as it pertains to fences, hedges and walls.

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### **D. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Request City Council to adopt Resolution to Commemorate Mark Pisano, Executive Director of SCAG for 31 year of Regional Leadership.
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**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**(continued)**

**D. MISCELLANEOUS**

3. Request City Council to adopt Resolution to Commemorate Mark Pisano, Executive Director of SCAG for 31 years of Regional Leadership.
4. Request City Council to adopt **Resolution No. 5550** awarding a Construction Contract to Tony Painting, Inc. for the Facility Painting (Community Center) Project in the amount of \$35,000.
5. Request City Council to approve the 2008 Investment Policy.
6. Request City Council to Approve Tract 17348 public improvements.
7. Request City Council to approve the Notice of Completion for Citywide Street Name Signs Replacement Project, Phases 3 & 4, Project No. 050813-00. (Item Pulled from Consent Calendar.)
8. Request City Council to approve the Notice of Completion for the 2007-2008 Street Overlay, Project No. 070801-00.
9. Request the Rialto Housing Authority to adopt **RHA Resolution No. 0001-08** approving the Relocation Plan for the Phase 2A Willow Winchester Neighborhood Revitalization Project – Vista Cascade Neighborhood.

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Motion by Council Member Robertson, second by Council Member Ed Scott and carried by unanimous vote to approve Consent Calendar.

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Mayor Vargas declared the public hearing open.

No one comes forward

Motion by Council Member Baca Jr., second by Council Member Robertson and carried by unanimous vote to close the public hearing.

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Motion by Council Member Baca Jr., second by Council Member Robertson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the placement of liens for delinquent refuse accounts.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**TAB 1 – Request public hearing to consider placement of liens**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**TAB 2- Request City Council to authorize Police Department to purchase new vehicles**

City Administrator Henry Garcia informed the City Council that TAB 2 will be pulled from the Agenda.

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**TAB 3 – Request to adopt RDA Resolution No. 609**

Mike Story, Director of Development Services, recommends that an Implementation Strategy Plan for the Foothill Boulevard Specific Plan be awarded to Hogle-Ireland not to exceed \$197,000 for preparation and strategy.

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Gina Gibson, Project Manager for the Foothill Plan, introduced Nelson Miller, Principal of Hogle-Ireland, who presents his proposal for the Foothill Corridor Plan.

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Council Member Robertson asked what the timeframe will be for the completion of the study and the plan.

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Nelson Miller indicated that completion should take approximately a year. He stated that public meetings are an important part of the process and that takes a little more time.

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Council Member Ed Scott stated that since the city is in the process of relinquishment of Foothill Boulevard from Caltrans that will be included in Hogle-Ireland's plan as well.

Council Member Ed Scott commented that he and Council Member Robertson agreed on using the firm Hogle-Ireland because of continuity.

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Council Member Baca Jr. would like to keep the Route 66 theme along Foothill.

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Mayor Vargas thanked Nelson Miller for the plans. She believes new businesses will be attracted to the city.

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Motion by Council Member Baca Jr., second by Council Member Scott and carried by unanimous vote to adopt **RDA Resolution No. 609** to award a contract to prepare an implementation plan for Foothill Boulevard.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **TAB 4 – Request for City Council to award Construction Contract to GTA**

Ahmad Ansari, Public Works Director stated that this TAB is to award a contract to GTA Construction for Fitness Center Remodel in the amount of \$369,500. The construction of the project will be split into two phases. The Fitness Center would be constructed through approval of the contract and the City Hall construction contract would be brought to City Council in approximately March 2008.

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Motion by Council Member Robertson, second by Mayor Pro Tem Hanson and carried by unanimous vote to award contract to GTA Construction for Fitness Center remodel in the amount of \$369,500.

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### **Tab 5 – Request for City Council to award Construction Contract to New West Signal**

Ahmad Ansari, Public Works Director states that a construction contract be awarded to New West Signal for the In-Pavement Crosswalk Warning Light Project in the amount of \$96,000.

This project will install in-pavement light warning system at the Intersection of Walnut and Chestnut near Levi Bemis Elementary School. The project would be completed in 40 calendar days.

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Motion by Council Member Baca Jr., second by Mayor Pro Tem Hanson and carried by unanimous vote to award contract to New West Signal for the Levi Bemis In-Pavement Crosswalk warning light project in the amount of \$96,000.

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** **(Second Reading)**

### **TAB 6- Request to adopt Ordinance No. 1416 – Regulations Governing Garage Sales**

Mayor Vargas read the title of the Ordinance:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 1416**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIALTO, AMENDING THE RIALTO MUNICIPAL CODE BY DELETING CHAPTER 5.69 OF THE RIALTO MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 5.69 RELATING TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING GARAGE SALES.**

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Motion by Council Member Baca Jr., second by Council Member Ed Scott and carried by unanimous to adopt **Ordinance No. 1416**. The vote was: AYES: Mayor Vargas, Mayor Pro Tem Hanson, Council Members Scott, Baca Jr. and Robertson. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none.

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **(Second Reading)**

TAB 7- Request to adopt Ordinance No. 1417 to amend Rialto Municipal Code

Mayor Vargas read the title of the Ordinance:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 1417**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIALTO, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 9.50 TO THE RIALTO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING NOISE CONTROL AND MAKING RELATED AMENDMENTS AND AMENDING THE RIALTO MUNICIPAL CODE.**

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Motion by Council Member Ed Scott, second by Council Member Baca Jr. and carried by unanimous vote to adopt **Ordinance No. 1417**. The vote was: AYES: Mayor Vargas, Mayor Pro Tem Hanson, Council Members Scott, Baca Jr. and Robertson. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none.

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## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Rafael Trujillo of Congressman Joe Baca's Office thanks the city staff and Council Member Joe Baca, Jr. for attending a meeting with United States Fish and Wildlife Service. He stated in the meeting that the Fish and Wildlife service asked for more staff to assist them with projects.

He also stated that the Congressman's office provided a letter support to extend 2007 deadline to move to 2009 for Pepper Avenue Extension project.

He announced the Home Foreclosure Workshop in Ontario on February 9, 2008 and encourages Rialto homeowners to attend if they are interested in more information.

Rafael Trujillo stated that Congressman Baca had a very successful legislative year.

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## **REPORTS**

Council Member Baca Jr. congratulated the Eisenhower High School basketball team is rated second in CIF.

He stated that he and Mayor Pro Tem Hanson went to San Bernardino Municipal Water District, West Valley and City of Rialto.

Council Member Baca Jr. indicated he went to a Town Hall Meeting with Council Member Scott and Mayor Pro Tem Hanson. He states that the meeting was very informative.

He states there will be a free baseball clinic at Frisbie Park.

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Mayor Pro Tem Hanson stated that Rialto Community Players is opening its new play, Enchanted April.

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## **REPORTS**

Council Member Ed Scott thanked City Clerk Barbara McGee's office for assisting with the Community Outreach Meeting.

He would like a report given to the council on traffic light maintenance. He asks City Administrator Henry Garcia to follow up on graffiti in the city. Council Member Scott hopes that the noise ordinance and garage sale ordinance is enforced.

Council Member Ed Scott stated that at the Foothill Freeway JPA meeting, graffiti was discussed and each police department will be represented at the next meeting in April.

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Council Member Robertson acknowledged Code Enforcement's efforts in dealing with graffiti and illegal vendors.

She stated that she has had an ongoing telephone conference and dialog with other cities and state regarding RDA/Housing Authority.

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John Dutrey, Housing Specialist, explained the State Credit Allocation and its impact on the city of Rialto.

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Mayor Vargas thanked the Public Works department for the two new trees that were planted.

She stated that she attended a roundtable discussion with Senator Barbara Boxer about home foreclosures in the city of Rialto. Senator Boxer encouraged Mayor Vargas to have a Town Hall Meeting and she would be happy to attend and speak with the citizens of Rialto about how to keep their homes.

Mayor Vargas asked Chief Kling to give a report at the next meeting about punishment given to graffiti offenders.

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## **City Administrator Report**

City Administrator Henry Garcia expressed his appreciation and thanks to the camera crew.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

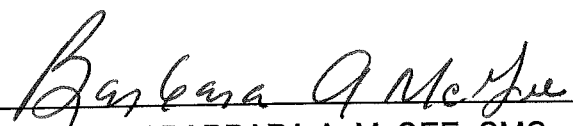
Motion by Council Member Baca Jr., second by Council Member Scott and carried by a 5-0 vote to adjourn the Meeting.

The City Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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MAYOR GRACE VARGAS

**ATTEST:**

  
CITY CLERK BARBARA A. MCGEE, CMC